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Dear colleagues

Please see attached overview letter and response forms in relation to the pre-submission draft.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Dear Mr Bennett

**CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN 2021-37 (PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT)  
CONSULTATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to engage on this round of consultation. As the Government's adviser on the historic environment Historic England is keen to ensure that the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment is fully taken into account at all stages and levels of the plan process.

**General comments**

As a general comment, Historic England welcomes the positive approach to the historic environment within the draft plan including aspects relating to landscape, town centres, design and sustainable construction.

In our earlier comments on the emerging plan Historic England raised concern about the evidence base for the historic environment and how heritage assets, and their setting, had been considered in relation to potential site allocations. We note that some sites, to which we previously raised concerns from a heritage point of view, are no longer



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included in the preferred options or have reduced in size.

In addition, the Council has helpfully continued to engage between formal consultations in terms of further assessment work in relation to the historic environment. We note the heritage information that is included in the Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix H May 2021) and also how that information and assessment translates through into individual site allocation policy requirements within the draft plan, all of which is welcomed.

In response to an earlier consultation Historic England also raised concern about the renewable and low carbon energy proposals, in particular Proposals Map 2 which sets out potential areas for solar farms and wind energy proposals without any evidence base to support. We acknowledge that the pre-submission draft Para 7.34 clearly sets out that further assessment work will be required in relation to heritage, amongst others, as part of any scheme that comes forward at development management stage and this statement is welcomed.

We also welcome the heritage section of the draft plan which highlights the varying, and special, character of Charnwood. We have continued working with the Council on Policy EV8: Heritage and its associated text set out in Paras 8.57-8.70 and have no further comments to make on that at this time.

### **Matters of soundness**

**Policy DS1: Development Strategy** - Historic England is of the view that Policy DS1 is not sound at this time. The environmental section of the policy currently reads 'should conserve and enhance the built and natural environment'. In this respect the potential requirements for any buried archaeology, designated or non-designated, is not addressed within the policy. As such, the policy does not reflect the requirements of the NPPF, including footnote 68.

In order to address this issue it is recommended that this part of the policy is revised to read 'should conserve and enhance the natural, built and historic environment'.

The same issue applies to **Para 3.84** and it is recommended that the wording of the paragraph is revised to read 'should conserve and enhance the natural, built and historic environment'.

Response forms have been completed and submitted separately for these two matters.

We hope that this information is of use to you at this time. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



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## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

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Name or Organisation:

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph  Policy  Policies Map

4. Do you consider the Local Plan is (please tick as appropriate):

4.(1) Legally compliant

Yes

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No

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4.(2) Sound

Yes

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No

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Duty to co-operate

Yes

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No

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9. Signature:

RSLW

Date:

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